

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A baggage scooter comprising:
 - 2 a baggage item;
 - 3 a first plate for holding said baggage item, the plate having
 - 4 an outer circumference, a top, and a bottom, the outer
 - 5 circumference having a first edge and a second edge;
 - 6 a second plate having an outer circumference, a top and a
 - 7 bottom, the outer circumference having a first edge and a second
 - 8 edge;
 - 9 a connecting member pivotally joining the first plate to the
 - 10 second plate, wherein the second edge of the first plate is
 - 11 positioned near the first edge of the second plate;
 - 12 a retractable handle member attached to the first plate;
 - 13 a first rolling means disposed along the bottom of the first
 - 14 plate;
 - 15 a second rolling means disposed along the bottom of the
 - 16 second plate; and
 - 17 a locking member for securing the second plate in a riding
 - 18 position;
 - 19 whereby the second plate is pivotal from a horizontal riding
 - 20 position to a vertical stored, carrying position.

1 2. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a frame portion extending vertically from said
3 connecting means for supporting said second plate in its stored
4 position, said frame having a pair of vertically oriented side
5 bars and a horizontally oriented top cross bar disposed across
6 said side bars.

1 3. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 handle is a T-shaped handle.

1 4. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 handle is joined to the top of said first plate.

1 5. The baggage scooter according to claim 2, wherein said
2 handle is joined to the top of said frame.

1 6. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 first rolling means comprises at least one wheel.

1 7. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 second rolling means comprises at least one wheel.

1 8. The baggage scooter according to claim 7, wherein said
2 first rolling means and said second rolling means each comprise
3 two wheels.

1 9. The baggage scooter according to claim 8, wherein said
2 first rolling means and said second rolling means each comprise
3 two roller blade wheels.

1 10. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 connector means comprises a connector plate having an outer
3 circumference, a top and a bottom.

1 11. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 connector means comprises an axle that is secured between to the
3 first rolling means and a hinge that pivotally secures said second
4 plate to said axle.

1 12. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 baggage item is integrally formed to said first plate so that said
3 baggage item may be ridden itself.

1 13. The baggage scooter according to claim 2, wherein said
2 locking member comprises:

3 a pair of pivoting locking arms positioned on an inner side
4 of said side bars, each locking arm having a fastener receiving
5 slot;

6 a pin receiving hole disposed on the inner side of each of
7 said side bars;

8 a finger receiving hole disposed on an outer side of each of
9 said side bars;

10 a engaging device disposed inside of each of said side bars
11 having a main body portion with a top end and a bottom end and a
12 locking pin for engaging said fastener receiving hole disposed
13 along the bottom end; and

14 a spring positioned above the top end of said engaging device
15 for downwardly biasing said engaging device into engagement with
16 said locking arms by positioning said locking pin inside of said
17 fastener receiving slot.

1 14. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, further
2 comprising support members attached to said first and second
3 plates for adding strength to the baggage scooter.

1 15. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a brake secured to at least one of said rolling means.

1 16. The baggage scooter according to claim 15, wherein said
2 brake is selected from the group consisting of said scrub type
3 brakes, hand cable operated brakes, and a combination of scrub
4 type brakes and hand cable operated brakes.

1 17. The baggage scooter according to claim 1, wherein said
2 baggage item is integrally formed to said frame portion so that
3 said baggage item may be ridden itself.

1 18. A baggage scooter comprising: ~
2 a first plate, for holding a baggage item, having an outer
3 circumference, a top, and a bottom, the outer circumference having
4 a first edge and a second edge;
5 a second plate having an outer circumference, a top and a
6 bottom, the outer circumference having a first edge and a second
7 edge;
8 a support frame having a pair of vertically oriented side
9 bars having a top end and a bottom end and a horizontally oriented
10 top cross bar disposed across the top end of said side bars;
11 a pair of wheels disposed along the bottom end of each of
12 said side bars defining a first rolling mechanism;
13 an axle secured between said pair of wheels;
14 a second rolling mechanism disposed along the bottom of said
15 second plate having at least one wheel;
16 a retractable handle portion extending from said top cross
17 bar;
18 a connector member for pivotally securing said second plate
19 to said axle;
20 a generally U-shaped baggage retainer bar horizontally
21 extending from said top cross bar for securing the baggage on said
22 first plate; and
23 a locking member for securing said second plate in a riding
24 position;

25 whereby said second plate is pivotal from a horizontal riding
26 position to a vertical stored, carrying position.

1 19. The baggage scooter according to claim 18, wherein said
2 locking member comprises:

3 a pair of pivoting locking arms positioned on an inner side
4 of said side bars, each locking arm having a fastener receiving
5 slot;

6 a pin receiving hole disposed on the inner side of each of
7 said side bars;

8 a finger receiving hole disposed on an outer side of each of
9 said side bars;

10 a engaging device disposed inside of each of said side bars
11 having a main body portion with a top end and a bottom end and a
12 locking pin for engaging said fastener receiving hole disposed
13 along the bottom end; and

14 a spring positioned above the top end of said engaging device
15 for downwardly biasing said engaging device into engagement with
16 said locking arms by positioning said locking pin inside of said
17 fastener receiving slot.

1 20. The baggage scooter according to claim 18, wherein said
2 connector member is a C-shaped clamp disposed on said second
3 plate, the clamp further comprising a fastening pin pivotally
4 securing the clamp to said axle.